

the principles of peace and inclusiveness around the community. Additionally, his achievements have international reach. Not only does he oversee the Himalayan Academy's various publications, he serves as a publisher of the international magazine *Hinduism Today*.

Furthermore, Satguru dedicates his time to cultivating the religious instruction of Hindu youth around the world through producing a series of books that teach Hinduism's ethical restraints, and teach religious observances as well.

Thank you, Satguru, for your opening prayer.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY AND SACRIFICE OF CODY CARPENTER AND JOEL CAMPORA

(Mr. COTTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COTTON. Today, on behalf of a grateful State, I rise to honor Scott County Sheriff Cody Carpenter and Arkansas Game and Fish wildlife officer Joel Campora, who died heroically last week trying to save their fellow Arkansans from flash floods.

Sheriff Carpenter leaves behind a wife and four children. Officer Campora leaves behind a wife and two daughters. Along with my fellow Arkansans, I want to express my deepest condolences to their families, their communities, and their brothers and sisters in law enforcement.

But even as we mourn their deaths and console their loved ones, let us also honor their sacrifice and courage. Sheriff Carpenter and Officer Campora died in the line of duty protecting their fellow citizens. John 15:13 says:

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

These men volunteered for duty that can call for that ultimate sacrifice every day. Now that they have laid down their lives, I join my State and my country in mourning and celebrating their cherished memory.

#### JOBS NOW ACT

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it has now been 884 days; no serious jobs bill yet.

I'm proud to announce a powerful alternative to this shameful inaction. Today, I am again introducing the Jobs Now Act, a bill that would give local

officials the resources and flexibility they need to retain, hire, and train workers immediately.

If this sounds like some left-wing idea, I ask you to consider who served as the key initiator and advocate for the CETA program on which this legislation is based: President Richard Milhous Nixon.

I have no doubt that many Americans hearing me today benefited—either directly or indirectly—from CETA.

Mr. Speaker, let's return to the days when investing in job creation and human potential was a bipartisan cause. Let's bring this important bill to the floor for a vote.

Our mantra in this Congress should be jobs, jobs, jobs.

#### DEAL WITH THE DEBT NOW

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this week the national debt reached an unprecedented record of over \$16.85 trillion. Such a figure is so mind-boggling that I will make this simple. This means that every person in the United States now owes \$53,329 to pay down the debt, and every U.S. taxpayer's debt share is now \$148,186.

With a debt at such high levels, it is not surprising that we are still experiencing an anemic 2 percent growth rate, which has produced the lowest job participation rate in 30 years. The ever-rising public debt threatens to drive up interest rates, crowd out private investment, and increase inflation. The implications will be severe and pronounced for all Americans, but most especially for the poor, the elderly, and the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, if we don't deal with the debt now, the debt will deal with us.

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#### LET'S BRIDGE THE INFRASTRUCTURE GAP

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, last month we saw two bridges in this country collapse in 1 week. If that fact doesn't get us to act, maybe this one will:

According to the Federal Highway Administration, over 70,000 bridges nationwide have been "deemed structurally deficient." That's one in nine bridges.

Congress can't continue to kick this can down the road on this critical issue. That's why I've called on my colleagues on the Transportation Committee to hold hearings to focus on the state of our Nation's bridges.

Last week we had the Special Freight Transportation Panel in southern California on a 3-day fact-finding trip to

see how businesses rely on our transportation arteries, bridges, highways, ports to grow and sustain the trade industry and our global economy.

When we invest in our infrastructure, we create a future with good-paying jobs; a strong, thriving economy; and an efficient, safe transportation system.

We have Americans who need work. We have an infrastructure that needs fixing. Let's bridge that gap.

#### THE NORTH FORK WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. DAINES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, as a fifth-generation Montanan and sportsman, I know how special the Treasure State is. Our State's rivers and mountains and our outdoor heritage are an important part of every Montanan's way of life and play an important part in our State's economy.

It's important that we work together to protect these valuable resources so that future generations can enjoy them for years to come. The North Fork Watershed, on the western slope of Glacier National Park, is critical to our State's outdoor heritage and the tourism economy in the Flathead Valley.

Efforts to protect the North Fork Watershed, like the North Fork Watershed Protection Act, is a good example of how we can work together to put Montana first. That's why I'm introducing legislation to protect this valuable resource, while also ensuring that current recreational uses, livestock management, and forest management in this region are maintained.

I'm glad to be part of this important, bipartisan effort in leading the charge in the House to achieve the goals that the Flathead community supports.

#### IT'S TIME FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. SWALWELL of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. I rise today to ask Speaker BOEHNER to recognize that the time is now for this House to take up comprehensive immigration reform.

I spent all of last week on an innovation road show. I went up and down Silicon Valley—and I have northern Silicon Valley in my district—and I listened to the job creators, I listened to the innovators. And one message is clear: we have unfilled jobs here in America that require immigration fixes, require increasing the H-1B visas so that we can create jobs behind high-skilled immigrants.

We know that Silicon Valley was built on a three-legged stool: access to capital, brain trusts, and a risk-taking culture. And we know that immigrants